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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN'S REMARKS

REF: AMMAN 1766

1. AMBASSADOR PICKERING CHECKED WITH JORDANIANS RE NEWS ACCOUNTS (REFTELS). THEY SAID THEY HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION ABU ZAYD THURSDAY NIGHT, APRIL 1, AT ABOUT 2000 HOURS CENTRAL STANDARD TIME. THEY FILLED HIM IN ON WHAT KING HAD SAID AND ORDERED HIM TO HAVE ALL ACCOUNTS OF THE TOUCHIER MATTERS LEFT OFF JORDANIAN T.V.

2. AMBASSADOR TELLS US THAT KING IN CHICAGO HAD MADE REMARKS TO PRESS ABOUT HAWK DEAL TO EFFECT THAT JORDANIANS WERE STILL TALKING TO THEIR SAUDI BROTHERS ABOUT THE FINANCING, THAT THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE USG, THAT THEY WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO PURCHASING THE U.S. AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM.

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3. WE HAVE SEEN NO RPT NO PRESS REPORT OF HUSSEIN'S
ALLEGED READINESS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE
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